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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices were lower on medium and larger sizes when compared to last week's values. In New York, prices were the same as last Friday. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Current demand was light to moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to ample for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for a light demand. Light type hens were adequate to ample a moderate to good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest delivered prices were lower for all sizes. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to instances barely steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate, best where features were a driving factor. Loose egg movement was mostly light. Supplies were adequate to ample. Central States breaking stock were lower. Offerings were adequate for the light demand. Schedules full-time to extended. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	98-107	101-104	LARGE	79-88	83	
LARGE	97-106	99-102	MEDIUM	69-73	71	
MEDIUM	85-94	87-90	SMALL	64-70		

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Extra large, large and medium prices were lower when compared to prices last week. Trade sentiment was steady with caution noted. Demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current buyer and seller requirements. Eastern region breaking floor stocks were about sufficient to sufficient for normal to at times heavy processing schedules. Light hen offerings were at least adequate to sufficient for normal schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	111-127	113-116
LARGE	105-119	110-114
MEDIUM	92-105	96-99

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was noted as steady to barely steady. Retail demand remained light to instances moderate where retail features were active. Food service demand was slow. Supplies remained adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was usually light with offerings reported as adequate for current needs. Schedules were full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	110.5-119	112-115
LARGE	106.5-115	108-111
MEDIUM	93.5-102	95-98

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady. Demand into all channels was light to fair. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. Floor stocks for eastern region breaking stock were about adequate to adequate for normal to at times heavy processing schedules. Demand of light type hens was moderate to fairly good and adequate to fully adequate for offerings.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	107.5-123.25	109-112
LARGE	106-122.25	107-110
MEDIUM	92.5-107.25	93-97

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were unchanged on heavier and lighter weight eggs when compared to values reported last Friday. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to steady. Demand was light to fair. Supplies were sufficient to available for immediate trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	116-120
LARGE	114-118
MEDIUM	101-105

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	105-113	106-108
LARGE	103-111	104-106
MEDIUM	91-99	92-94

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices were 8 cents lower for jumbo and extra large and 7 cents lower for large, medium, and small. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. The Pacific inventory was down 8% from last Monday, with California declining 8% and OR-WA-UT down 7%. Offerings were usually adequate with demand mostly light to instances moderate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were 8 cents lower for jumbo and extra large and 7 cents lower for large, medium, and small. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. The Pacific inventory declined 8% from last Monday, with California down 8% and OR-WA-UT decreasing 7%. Offerings were adequate with demand mostly light to instances fair. Supplies were balanced to adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.10.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	150
EXTRA LARGE	150
LARGE	142
MEDIUM	130

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 25, 2008 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 18, 2008 were 189,135 cases which was 5 percent above the prior week and 4 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	156,942	32,193	189,135

% change from the prior week..... +13 -22 +5
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK

Prices were lower. Demand was usually light with offerings reported as adequate for current needs. Schedules full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	78-80	78
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	55-70	65-67
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Trading levels were generally unchanged. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from the field. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-APR-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12.75 CENTS/LB.		9.60
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was moderate for the generally adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was moderate. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-APR-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12.75 CENTS/LB.		9.80
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

APR 21, 2008		No		So		So	
		Cent	Cent	Cent	Atl Pacific	5-Area	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.1	21.8	7.1	8.8	13.0	57.8
	Change	-0.3	0.3	-1.0	0.8	-1.5	-3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.2	46.3	9.8	19.3	30.5	126.1
	Change	0.5	-5.2	-12.6	-0.9	-11.5	-19%
Large	Curr Wk	40.3	118.6	70.6	93.1	100.8	423.4
	Change	2.6	-8.7	-10.0	-4.5	-8.7	-6%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.6	42.8	16.3	15.4	32.1	119.2
	Change	2.6	3.3	-0.2	-7.9	4.2	2%
Small	Curr Wk	5.0	5.0	0.5	3.8	4.8	19.1
	Change	-0.5	1.6	0.0	0.8	-0.6	7%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.5	18.7	7.8	10.2	8.2	47.4
	Change	-0.1	0.2	-0.7	-0.8	1.4	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	16.3	54.9	17.7	20.3	23.1	132.3
	Change	2.6	10.5	-3.6	3.5	-1.3	10%
Total	Curr Wk	104.0	308.1	129.8	170.9	212.5	925.3
	Change	8%	1%	-18%	-5%	-8%	-5%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	925.3	-5%	151
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	249.4	-6%	32
Total Shell Egg	1174.7	-5%	183

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 151 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast	- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central	- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central	- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic	- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific	- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF APR 07, 2008

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.12	2.09	1.90	1.30

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF APR 07, 2008 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.62	1.62	1.46	.96

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - DAILY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 18, 2008

CURRENT LOADS								13.75	FUTURE LOADS								16.25	TOTAL LOADS				30.00
SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS						
GNR W 1	83.50	--	84.00	85.50	--	--	2.00		GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.25						
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00		GL W J	88.00	--	--	--	95.00	100.00	2.00						
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.25		GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	93.00	4.00						
GL W XL	--	--	95.50	98.00	80.00	--	3.00		GL W LG	--	--	--	--	86.00	87.00	3.00						
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00															
GL W MD	--	--	77.00	79.00	71.00	--	5.75															
GL W SM	--	--	--	--	67.00	71.50	.50															
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	77.00	72.00	--	6.50															
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	69.00	64.00	--	1.00															

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 14, 2008-APRIL 18, 2008

CURRENT LOADS								59.25	FUTURE LOADS								94.50	TOTAL LOADS				153.75
SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS						
GNR W 1	86.17	88.33	86.50	88.14	--	--	12.00		GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.25						
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00		GL W J	88.00	--	--	--	95.00	101.76	4.25						
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.25		GL W XL	91.00	99.00	--	--	--	93.33	14.50						
GL W J	--	--	100.50	102.00	87.11	--	3.25		GL W LG	90.35	98.50	--	--	87.25	90.96	9.75						
GL W XL	97.18	101.50	97.30	98.96	89.84	94.00	38.75		GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	82.00	9.25						
GL W LG	--	103.00	--	90.80	88.00	--	15.25		GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	100.00	1.00						
GL W MD	89.00	85.75	79.60	79.33	76.36	72.27	30.75		GL BR LG	109.00	--	--	--	--	100.00	1.25						
GL W SM	--	--	67.33	68.50	70.50	76.23	3.75		NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	73.00	5.00						
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00															
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	.50															
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	77.00	79.33	79.33	55.50															
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	69.00	64.00	--	1.00															

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT - FROZEN EGGS

ON HAND	(In Thousands)		
	04/07/08	03/31/08	04/09/07
PACIFIC COAST	15	17	24
LOS ANGELES	0	0	18

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS APRIL 21, 2008

Brown Eggs	(price per carton delivered to first receivers)		MOSTLY
	CENTS/CARTON		
Extra Large doz.	229 - 261		239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 - 158		130 - 134
Large doz.	224 - 250		225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 - 149		125 - 128

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on small, lower on the balance. Supplies are fully adequate for current trade needs. Retail demand is fair.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	131.49
LARGE	127.49
MEDIUM	110.86
SMALL	104.00

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